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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2007 the term for response to which is extended by three months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on May 15, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, · 8 and 10-12 are amended; claim 3 and 13-16 are maintained; and 9 are canceled; and claim 17 is added. claims 5,

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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